

**Agency: University of Alaska****Project Title:****Project Type:** Planning and Research

# Kenai Peninsula College Student Housing

**State Funding Requested:** \$1,800,000**House District:** Kenai Areawide (33-35)

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

Funding for the design of Kenai Peninsula College student housing

**Funding Plan:****Total Cost of Project:** \$1,800,000*There is no other funding needed***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

This money will fund the design phase of the Kenai Peninsula College (KPC) student housing project. \$16 million is already in HB424 for the construction of KPC student housing, should voters approve the bond package.

Housing for KPC students is badly needed. With the anticipation of large new construction projects needing thousands of new workers, the demand for training at KPC will also increase. Along with increased student enrollment the need for short-term housing will multiply. Students attend KPC to receive education and skills training, and also pursue 2-year and 4-year academic degrees, enabling them to take advantage of jobs in the oil, gas, and mining industries. Without student housing, they have no avenue to pursue their education if they live outside commuting distance. In addition, KPC student housing will give rural students the option of attending college near their homes instead of leaving Alaska or going to a large city, which can be intimidating. The construction of student housing will place rural students on a level playing field with those from urban areas by providing access to a quality education and increased chances for success in college and in life. There promises to be a great return on this investment; students will benefit, the Kenai Peninsula Borough will benefit, and Alaska will benefit.

**Project Timeline:**

Multiple Year Project

**Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

Kenai Peninsula College

**Grant Recipient Contact Information:**

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☐ Yes ☒ No

**\$1,800,000  
Approved**



# KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

## YEAR 2010 STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

### SPECIAL PROJECTS

**Funding Recipient:** University of Alaska / Kenai Peninsula College

**Project Name:** Kenai Peninsula College Student Housing

Project Priority  
Ranking: 1

#### Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Kenai Peninsula College (KPC) proposes the construction of a 100-bed facility at the Kenai River Campus in Soldotna to house students. With the anticipation of large new construction projects needing thousands of new workers, the demand for training at KPC will also increase. Along with increased student enrollment the need for short-term housing will multiply. Students attend KPC to receive education and skills training, and also pursue 2-year and 4-year academic degrees, enabling them to take advantage of jobs in the oil, gas, and mining industries. Without student housing, they have no avenue to pursue their education if they live outside commuting distance. In addition, KPC student housing will give rural students the option of attending college near their homes instead of leaving Alaska or going to a large city, which can be intimidating. The construction of student housing will place rural students on a level playing field with those from urban areas by providing access to a quality education and increased chances for success in college and in life. There promises to be a great return on this investment; students will benefit, the Kenai Peninsula Borough will benefit, and Alaska will benefit.

**Funding Request:** \$22,000,000

**Total Project Cost:**

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